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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7 and 9-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-12 have been examined.
2. The Examiner as a result of Applicant's amendment has withdrawn the objections to the specification and the claims and the 35 USC § 112, second paragraph rejections, according to the Office Action of record.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 10 is objected to because of the following informalities: The claim limitation "inter-row permutation pattern T(j)" was mistakenly changed to "intra-row" when the Applicant corrected the 35 USC § 112 second paragraph rejection for inter-row permutation pattern a(j) to intra-row. The claim limitation "inter-row permutation pattern T(j)" on lines 3 and 4 should be changed back to "intra-row permutation pattern T(j)". Appropriate correction is required.
4. Claims 6 and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-5, 7 and 9-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Suda et al. (US-6553516), hereinafter Suda.

Claim 1 and 10:

Suda teaches the interleaver 22 of the turbo encoder includes first, second and third stages 41, 42 and 43. Suda refers to Figure 5 to teach the first stage 41, having a 664-bit input sequence 40, is divided into eight blocks B_1 - B_8 , which are then written into a two-dimensional array (buffer), which consists of 8 rows and 83 columns (**a data storage device for storing data input to the turbo encoder and outputting data corresponding to the address generated by the address calculator**). Suda also teaches in the third stage 43 an inter-permutation is performed in which the order of the rows arranged in the two-dimensional buffer is permuted (**an inter-row permutation pattern $T(j)$**). Suda further teaches the intra-permutation at the second stage 42 uses a table created by the steps S1-S7 as an address table (**a register for updating and registering a plurality of parameters for setting an operating condition of the interleaver**), and processes input data written into the two-dimensional buffer (data storage) by referring to the address table. Suda discloses that step S1 is to compute a mapping sequence $c(i)$ for intra-row permutation (**an intra-row permutation pattern increment arrangement value $incr(j)$**). Suda also discloses after the first through third stages are performed, data is read from the two-dimensional buffer (data storage) in the

longitudinal direction (column direction) at step 110 shown in FIG. 10, whereby an interleaved coded sequence 44 can be obtained. (Col. 5, l.15 to col. 6, l. 5, Fig. 5).

Claims 2 and 11:

“an intra-row permutation pattern generator for calculating an intra-row permutation pattern value using the intra-row permutation pattern increment arrangement value $\text{incr}(j)$ ”

This limitation is rejected as per claim 1 (intra-permutation at the second stage 42).

“an intra-row permutation pattern storage arrangement device for storing intermediate data while the intra-row permutation pattern generator calculates the intra-row permutation pattern”

Suda teaches the numbers defined in the sequence permutation table t_0 indicate the bit allocations after permutation where, as shown in FIG. 7B, the sequence permutation table t_0 includes the one-dimensional sequence (pattern) starting from the left uppermost position. (Col. 6, ll. 26-35).

“a final address generator for calculating an address of finally interleaved data using the inter-row permutation pattern $T(j)$ from the register and the intra-row permutation basic sequence $s(i)$ corresponding to the intra-row permutation pattern value generated by the intra-row permutation pattern generator”

This limitation is rejected as per claim 1 (Suda also discloses after the first through third stages are performed...).

Claim 3:

“the register updates and registers parameters used to calculate inter-row/intra-row permutation pattern of the input data to be interleaved, and provides the parameters to an intra-row permutation pattern generator of the address calculator to generate an intra-row permutation pattern for generating an interleaved final intra-row permutation pattern”

This limitation is rejected as per claim 1 (Suda further teaches the intra-permutation at the second stage 42 uses a table created by the steps S1-S7 as an address table ...).

Claim 4:

“a parameter K indicating a number of input data bits”

Suda teaches the number of bits input to the turbo encoder is N_{IN} (which corresponds to K in FIG. 3). (Col. 4, ll. 38-41).

“a parameter μ indicating a primitive root”

Suda teaches step S1 is to obtain the primitive root g_0 of the Galois field of the characteristic P (which corresponds to the number of columns (a parameter C indicating a number of columns of the input data) and is equal to 83 in the case shown in FIG. 5) at step 105 shown in FIG. 10... (Col. 5, l. 57 to col. 6, l. 5).

“a parameter p indicating a prime number”

Suda teaches At step (2), the prime number P that is greater than n and closest to n is obtained. (Col. 4, ll. 42-48).

“a parameter R indicating a number of rows of the input data”

Suda teaches step S2 corresponds to a case when a parameter I indicative of the row number is set equal to 1 at step 106 shown in FIG. 10. (Col. 6, ll. 36-36).

Claim 5:

“the intra-row permutation pattern generator uses an inter-row inverse permutation pattern $Tl(j)$ determined by inversing the inter-row permutation pattern $T(j)$ to calculate a permuted prime integer sequence $r(j)$ for calculating a final intra-row permutation pattern $U^j(i)$ ”

Suda teaches, as shown in FIG. 1C, a turbo decoder is made up to two decoders 1 and 2, two interleavers 3 and 4, and a deinterleaver 5. (Col. 1, ll. 40-42, col. 8, ll. 39-42, col. 9, ll. 13-15, 49-55).

Claim 7:

Suda teaches step S1 is to compute a mapping sequence $c(i)$ for intra-row permutation defined as follows: $c(i) = (g_0^i) \pmod{P}$ (**the increment arrangement value $incr(j)$**). (Col. 5, l. 65 to col. 6, l. 5).

Claims 9 and 12:

Suda teaches the data is input sequentially to the data storage device (input sequence 40, Fig. 5).

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior arts of record teach an interleaver for a turbo encoder with a register for updating and registering a plurality of parameters for setting an operating condition of

the interleaver. The prior arts of record also teach an address calculator for generating a finally interleaved address using an inter-row permutation pattern, an intra-row permutation pattern increment arrangement value and an intra-row permutation basic sequence provided from the register. The prior arts of record further teach a data storage device for storing data input to the turbo encoder and outputting data corresponding to the address generated by the address calculator; Suda et al. (US-6553516) is one example of such prior arts. The prior arts of record, however, fail to teach, singly or in combination, an intra-row permutation pattern generator which comprises the details disclosed in claim 6, namely, a first adder and a second adder, a first multiplexer, a sign detector connected to the second adder and the first multiplexer, a second multiplexer.


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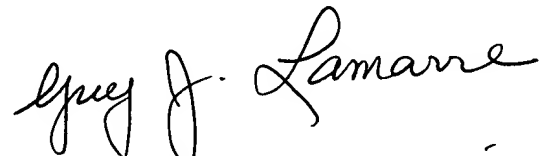
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John J. Tabone, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3827. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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